MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, that cannot be done ; the T S. R. does not allow it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kart kapalli*) : May I take it that in all these cases, the rule in the T. S. R. has been followed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Most of them are grade promotions. Some of them are promotions to vacancies which already existed. In the latter cases, the normal rule is that the acting hand may be confirmed with restrospective effect from the date of the vacancy if he has been acting in it from that date.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know why these confirmations were not made as the vacancies arose, and why all these cases were accumulated and dealt with together.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : By the time the papers came up for final orders, all these cases had arisen, and so they were all dealt with together. There is no other special reason why all of them were dealt together.

Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

403. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to State :

(a) the names of the permanent and the acting Mahomedan Inspectors of Schools ;

(*b*) whether the permanent Inspector had any qualification in Arabic at the time he was appointed in the place and whether he passed any University examination in Arabic after the date of his appointment, and, if so, what and when ;

(*c*) the period during which the present incumbent has been acting in the vacancy and whether they are satisfied that he is fit and qualified for the post ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Permanent Mahomedan Inspector Mr. S. M. Sulaiman, B. A. Acting Mahomedan Inspector Mr. A. Ahmed Kunju, B. A.

(*b*) The answer to the first part is in the negative. Second part : Nearly four years after his appointment Mr. Sulaiman passed an examination in Arabic conducted by the Officer in charge of the Persian and Hindustani Translatorship to the Government of Madras. This was not a University examination.

(*c*) Mr. Ahmed Kunju has been acting as Mahomedan Inspector for more than one year and four months. Government are satisfied that he is competent to discharge the duties of the post though he has not the qualification prescribed.

G. O. re appointment of the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

404. **MR. N. A. SUNDARAM PILLAI** (*Tova'a*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of their order No. E. 1989, dated the 31st May 1919, regarding the appointment of the Inspector of Mahomedan Schools in the State ?

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